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"Three's a crowd", must have thought Hakoah's John Watkiss as he gets the "treatment" from Prague defenders King (partly obscured) and Mouison in this incident from last Sunday's match at Marks Field.

NEW BOOM ZOOMS CROWDS UP 30%

By LOU GAUTIER

Sydney First Division attendances this season show a tremendously healthy, 30 per cent. increase on last year.

And this despite the insipid "soccer coverage" of the morning newspapers and the saturation Rugby League exposure in the afternoon tabloids.

After 16 championship rounds, the total attendance for First Division matches stands at 280,646 spectators.

Last season the full 22 competition rounds had only attracted 298,000.

Given reasonable weather, this weekend should see last year's total overtaken as the 300,000th spectator goes through the turnstiles on Sunday.

SKY-HIGH

What with Pan Hellenic v. Canterbury certain to attract another 10,000-plus crowd and South Coast-Prague at Woonona and APIA-Croatia also on the program, some 20,000 fans should watch the weekend's fixtures.

So far this season the average weekly First Division attendance has been 17,540, as against 13,545 last year and 13,445 in 1966.

If all goes well in the next six weeks, Sydney's total First Division attendance this year should be 400,000, for a weekly average of 18,000 spectators.

Though attendances showed an upward trend

from the very start of the championship, they have zoomed sky-high since Takis Loukanidis burst on the Sydney scene.

LOUKANIDIS

Pan Hellenic matches have averaged crowds of more than 10,000 spectators since Loukanidis joined them, and the total weekend attendances have shot over the 20,000 mark as a result.

Pan Hellenic only need another 5,000 spectators — which they'll get this weekend — to better their 1967 total attendance of 98,000.

Since they must still play both APIA and Hakoah, they could set new attendance figures by the time the championship is over.

They have six more matches to better APIA's record 1963 total attendance of 164,000 spectators — and their own record of 161,000 set the same season.

The 1963 figures, however, are misleading because both APIA and Pan Hellenic had featured twice in double-headers which had drawn more than 16,000 spectators.

This is how the 12 First Division clubs have drawn at the gate after 16 rounds, with total 22-round 1967 attendances in brackets:

P. Hellenic	93,467 (98,500)
APIA	68,203 (69,200)
Hakoah	51,656 (52,300)
St. George	49,211 (50,000)
St. Coast	42,848 (36,200)
Yugal	42,354 (38,200)
Polonia	41,054 (39,100)
Melita E.	38,138 (44,700)
Croatia	37,396 (59,000)
Prague	37,313 (39,600)
Manly	32,074 (Div. II)
Canterbury	28,573 (44,200)

A few observations on these figures are necessary:
• St. George, Yugal and Polonia owe their high placings to Pan Hellenic's supporters who flocked to Loukanidis' first three matches.

• Canterbury, because they meet Pan Hellenic this weekend, will jump up many places after this weekend, leaving district club, Manly, also at the foot of this "ladder."

• South Coast, Yugal and Polonia have already attracted more people than for the whole of the 1967 championship.

• Hakoah, without the "help" of Loukanidis, have almost caught up with their 22-round 1967 attendance.
• Croatia's decline in drawing power is the greatest of any team.

• APIA's figure remains static, but the expected huge crowd at their match against Pan Hellenic later in the season, should easily see them rise above the 100,000-spectator mark for the championship.

SBISA BACK SOON?

Frank Sbisa, one of Sydney's best-ever referees, is contemplating a come-back. Sbisa retired prematurely four years ago to become secretary of APIA, a position he occupied only for a short while.

Still only 32, Sbisa is confident he can re-establish himself in the big-time fairly quickly once he gets back into condition.

PAN HELLENIC SNATCH LEAD AT VITAL STAGE

How to lose matches and influence your rival's crowds — this could be the lesson for Hakoah who next week will face Pan Hellenic before an expected record crowd.

For the first time since the second round, Hakoah have lost their lead in the championship race which is now certain to develop into a fantastic thriller.

It is not at all uncommon for a team to maintain a long unbeaten record — and then lose twice or even thrice in a row, what with their confidence broken.

The question now is when can Hakoah snap back into the right frame of mind?

It is more surprising that of the four main semifinal contenders only Prague played really well; Pan Hellenic and APIA won sluggishly while Hakoah lost their second successive game.

Polonia quite rightly refuse to be counted out of the chances and all but knocked out Croatia from the race.

NSW Federation First Division

TEAM	AGGREGATE						HOME						AWAY						NEXT OPPONENT				
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		
Pan Hellenic	16	12	1	3	31	12	25	9	8	—	1	19	7	16	7	4	1	2	12	5	9	Canterbury	
Hakoah	16	10	4	2	33	15	24	7	5	1	1	16	7	11	9	5	3	1	17	8	13	Melita *	
Prague	16	9	3	4	31	20	21	7	6	1	—	14	1	13	9	3	2	4	17	19	8	South Coast	
APIA	16	7	6	3	27	21	20	7	4	2	1	11	7	10	9	3	4	2	15	14	10	Croatia *	
Polonia	16	8	3	5	23	19	19	9	4	2	3	14	13	10	7	4	1	2	9	6	9	Yugal	
Yugal	16	7	3	6	22	25	17	9	3	3	3	10	13	19	7	4	—	3	12	12	8	Polonia *	
Croatia	16	7	2	7	23	26	16	8	3	2	3	10	11	8	8	4	—	4	13	15	8	APIA *	
South Coast	16	4	4	4	8	28	24	12	7	4	—	3	23	12	8	9	—	4	5	5	12	4	Prague *
St. George	16	4	4	8	14	20	12	9	2	3	4	8	14	7	7	2	1	4	6	6	5	Manly *	
Melita Eagles	16	3	5	8	17	26	11	8	—	4	4	11	17	4	8	3	1	4	6	9	7	Hakoah	
Canterbury	16	3	4	9	21	42	10	7	2	2	3	9	13	6	9	1	2	6	12	29	4	Pan Hellenic *	
Manly	16	1	3	12	16	36	5	10	—	1	9	6	21	1	6	1	2	3	10	15	4	St. George	

READERS' LETTERS

CONGRATULATIONS

Let me congratulate your paper on their 10th birthday publication which was of great interest to all. Keep up the good work you are doing for the code.

R. Renyday,
Bankstown.
* * *

Congratulations on your superb anniversary issue. May the next 10 years be as successful.

F. Schembri,
Auburn.
* * *

Your special birthday issue was a first-class effort. Keep up the good work. Looking forward to the next 10 years.

Z. Szyda,
Beresfield.
* * *

Congratulations for the great birthday issue of "Soccer World".

W. G. Rudolf,
Surry Hills.
* * *

By a happy coincidence your 10th anniversary coincides with that of the NSW Federation of Soccer Coaches, an organisation you have helped and supported since its inception. Hearty congratulations to every one at "Soccer World".

W. Vrolyk,
Hon. Secretary, NSWFC.
* * *

I have bought every copy of your paper since it first hit the news stands. May I add my birthday congratulations. Keep up the good job.

S. Setho,
Mosman.
* * *

May I as a former contributor of many columns of editorial matter over a five or six-year period, offer my congratulations on the achievement "Soccer World" has attained. In this day of monopoly ownership in such fields, it is heartening to witness the continued existence of an independent newspaper such as yours.

Rick Bruce,
Newport Beach.
* * *

I congratulate "Soccer World" on the 10th anniversary edition and look forward to reading your regular editions for the next 10 years. By then, I hope, soccer will be really established and in world class in Australia.

Harry Preece,
Caringbah.

BELATED WHISTLE

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has shown towards the game we have so much at heart.

I could not resist, however, a comment on your paper's history of the "Best Referees" over the last 10 years.

I find it difficult to believe that your paper thinks so little of my past performances as a referee. I most certainly do not wish to belittle the capabilities of my learned colleagues.

You must agree, however, that you cannot deny me some recognition amongst the best five referees you have selected.

I feel that any individual who has given so much time and effort to the game of soccer cannot be forgotten so easily.

Frank Sbisa,
Ashfield.

Reader Sbisa is absolutely right; his omission from our list was a very bad oversight. By all reasonable standards, he is rated among the very best referees Sydney has had. — Editor.

WORD OF THANKS

On reading through the many pages of your birthday issue one could find no mention of the Inter-Suburban League.

Some 34 clubs compete in this competition, and we look forward each week to the "green paper" for information.

We are sure that other clubs were a little disappointed when they found that there was no space given to them in this special edition.

Once again, thank you for printing the Inter-Suburban tables and results, as the daily papers either don't care or are not supplied with this information.

Although they do give interstate results from as far away as Western Australia, who play their games some two hours after ours.

R. Renyday,
Thistle Soccer Club,
Bankstown.

Lack of space squeezed out our regular Inter Suburban coverage in our special birthday issue. However, in its place we ran an extensive story on the visiting US schoolboys team. — Ed.

Foot-tennis

Substituting for the injured Zuckerman, Frank Lang teamed up with Les Schauman to win the final of St. George-Budapest's Foot-Tennis series, defeating Hakoah's Jones and Edwards 21-15, 21-17, 21-14.

Stegbauer-Schaefer took out third prize-money by beating Sagi and Watkiss, who replaced Tamandli, 21-8, 17-21, 21-18, 12-21, 21-9.

A new series will start in a fortnight, with prize-money increased to \$300.

All entries must be telephoned through to 57-4778 before August 5.

In the next two weeks exhibition matches will be played every Monday at the St. George club at Mortdale.

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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

At the recommendation of the NSW Federation Publicity Subcommittee, the Executive is likely to carry out an extensive survey on soccer. Among other things, the Federation wants to find out from the thousands of parents of juniors why they don't watch senior soccer. It's worth mentioning that this recommendation was made at a specially convened meeting for all club Publicity Officers. However, of the First Division clubs only four turned up: APIA, Manly, Hakoah and Yugal — less than from the Second Division.

The first full-time secretary in NSW soccer, WALTER RUSHTON, died recently at the age of 66 in Wollongong. Rushton was a former goalie with Wallsend and Pyrmont. He became the NSW Association's secretary in 1934. An accountant by profession, Rushton became famous by organising trains from Newcastle to Sydney in the days of the Inter-city League. Once 14 special trains, known as the "Red Terrors," travelled south to Sydney for one of Wallsend's vital competition matches.

Bobby Kerr, a Scottish player based in South Africa, wants to join an Australian club. Kerr played with Clyde, Stirling Albion and Millwall in Britain. He has been in South Africa for the past two years. He was transferred to his present South African club for \$7,500. Kerr plays at wing-half or inside-forward. For further information ring Abe Levine at 38-2275.

CENTRAL UNITED, the Fourth Division inter-suburban club, are having a "disco" night at Caesar's Place on Sunday. The "Executives" will be appearing.

Marconi club delegates have officially announced that they are considering to change their club's name to FAIRFIELD next season.

Bankstown COACHING Academy conducted a Clinic at Bankstown Square last Friday. Joe Venglos was the guest coach and conducted basic skills exercises. He was assisted by Bob Morris and Harry Preece of the Coaches Federation. These clinics are conducted every Friday at 4 p.m.

JOHN GALVANI, a member of the NSW Management Committee for 18 months a few years back, passed away last week. Galvani, 45, suffered a fatal heart attack. A foundation member of APIA, he worked in Qantas' Overseas Department.

JOHN KARYANNIS captained Pan Hellenic for the first time last Sunday. He celebrated the momentous occasion by scoring the only goal of the match — a valuable goal, which put Pan Hellenic at the top of the First Division competition ladder.

TREVOR WATKINS, a new English player, made his debut for Manly in the reserve grade last Sunday. He had an impressive game and may be promoted to first grade in a fortnight, even sooner.

IRENE HEWLETT, wife of Melita Eagles' half-back Jim Hewlett, left Sydney last week for a holiday in Glasgow, Scotland, where she plans to stay six to eight weeks.

JOHNNY ROCHE, Sutherland's utility forward, will be out of the game for a few weeks with injured ribs.

How is that for a record? In the third grade match between APIA and South Coast,

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referee Brian Thompson had to SEND OFF four players for various offences — including both goalkeepers. "In my previous 12 years of refereeing I had sent off four also," commented Thompson. "It was a bad tempered match from the very start, almost as if they had a grudge against one another."

Next Friday night, Inter-Suburban club, THISTLE, will hold their Annual Ball at the Clarendon Ballroom.

On August 4, at the Banks-town Soccer Centre, a Benefit Day will be held for the family of the late FRED THOMPSON, a referee who passed away whilst refereeing a game at Bankstown. The day will start at 10.30 a.m. and will feature Marching Girls, bands, archery and soccer games, including a clash between the NSW Federation under-16 team and the Sydney Metropolitans. This will be a trial game for these two teams as both will be making overseas trips in a few weeks time.

The wife of North Sydney-Inter half-back, MONNO, gave birth to a son last Sunday at 5 p.m., just after the game against Granville, in which her husband played. The boy will be named Richard.

More than 230 people turned out at the Lane Cove Town Hall for the ANNUAL BALL staged by Lane Cove United. The ball, attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of the Municipality, was a huge success.

Merle McAndrew, the wife of ASF secretary, IAN McANDREW, gave birth to a son last Monday — their first child. Our congratulations.

Tickets are now available for the 10th anniversary dinner dance of the NSW COACHES Federation, at Valentine's Restaurant, on Friday, August 30. \$3 tickets can be obtained by ringing Bill Vrolyks, the honorary secretary, at 661-4992 or writing to 9 Flinders Street, Matraville.

The wife of Pan Hellenic coach, WALTER TAMANDI, Wendy, gave birth to a baby boy last Friday. Our congratulations.

PAVEL MOLNAR returned to Czechoslovakia this week because of a serious illness in his family in Bratislava.

The following further contributions are acknowledged towards the NSW Amateur under-16 team's New Zealand tour:

- Western Suburbs SC \$178, Mr. Vivian Chalwin \$100, Northern NSW Amateur Assn. \$30, Western NSW Amateur Assn. \$50, Gunnedah Assn. \$50, Illawarra Assn. \$50, Southern Districts Assn. \$25, Macquarie Assn. \$50, Northern Soccer Federation \$10, Hunter Valley Assn. \$50, Gray's Sports Store, a set of jerseys.

SCHOOLBOYS TO SEE THE WORLD?

The rising standard of schools football has again demonstrated the desirability of introducing an international schools series between England and Australia.

Once the proposition was treated as being far-fetched, but the visit of the New England (US) team has sparked off more interest.

Return air fares to the UK would be about \$826 per player, a figure which is not unreachably bearing in mind the remarkable interest and educational and football experience which would come from the tour.

A few matches could be played en route, and it is quite possible that a good deal of the expenditure could be recoverable.

Matches in Britain could be played in the Christmas-New Year period, which corresponds with the Aus-

tralian school holidays, leaving no school time loss.

A return tour of Australia could be organised in due course to fit in with the English August-September main school holidays, and matches could be played in all State capitals in turn.

Most States have a limited number of Saturday First Division fixtures, and it requires no flight of the imagination to visualise the Sydney Sportsground jam-packed for such a match.

The ASF would be bound to endorse the scheme, and could safely leave the matter to the schools to finalise their own arrangements.

— KEITH GILMOUR

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Dramatic finish in dash for the line

By PAUL DEAN —

Just how many points must a team have to reach the final play-offs at the Sydney Sportsground in September?

We would say 27, precisely. But don't take this literally.

In 1963 the fourth team had 30, in 1964 it had 27 and last year it had 26 points. We ignored 1965 and 1966 when there were only 10 teams in the First Division and thus the distribution of points fell differently.

Which teams look capable

	6.	5.	4.	3.	2.	1.
Pan Hellenic	25	Cant.	Hak.	SCU	APIA	Prg.
Hakoah	24	Mel.	P. Hel.	Man.	Pol.	Yug.
Prague	21	SCU	APIA	Cro.	Mel.	St. G.
APIA	20	Cro.	Prg.	Mel.	P. Hel.	Man.
Polonia	19	Yug.	St. G.	Cant.	Hak.	SCU
Yugal	17	Pol.	Cro.	St. G.	Cant.	APIA
Croatia	16	APIA	Yug.	Prg.	St. G.	Mel.

Mathematically speaking, all these seven teams still have a show — though Yugal and Croatia are now clinging to the proverbial last straw: neither can afford to drop more than two points.

of reaching this total?

Two of them are home and hosed: Pan-Hellenic and Hakoah.

Here are the remaining matches of the seven teams still in the semifinal race.

(First numbers indicate points as at present; against teams printed in black the particular teams will play at home.)

	6.	5.	4.	3.	2.	1.
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Yugal	17	Pol.	Cro.	St. G.	Cant.	APIA
Croatia	16	APIA	Yug.	Prg.	St. G.	Mel.

Pan Hellenic's fate is in their own hands: they play all the other three leading sides, a tough draw by any standard.

Hakoah, trailing by one point, have a much kinder

draw and unless they lose to Pan Hellenic next week in the "match of the year", they stand a good chance of regaining their lead.

The battle for third place may continue for many more weeks. Prague and APIA have roughly the same type of draw — except that Prague will play three times at home, for them a colossal advantage. (See "Home" section of table on P.1.)

Polonia, still in contention, would need to pull off some major shocks to overhaul either Prague or APIA while Croatia and Yugal can only hope in miracles.

South Coast, St. George and Melita are in no-man's land and the best any of them can hope for is a modest 8th place!

The dearth of goals — a sign of the advent of defensive soccer to Australia — is clearly shown by the current list of top scorers on page 5.

The fact that two can top the list with a modest 10 goals speaks for itself.

It looks almost certain now that the season's top scorer will remain well below the one goal a match average.

And this has never happened before in Federation history!

Last year we came pretty close to such a "disaster" when Giacometti netted 22 goals during the 22-week campaign. (He actually played only 20 matches.)

As for the relegation issue — well, you've got to be a dreamer to give Manly more than the slimmest possible chance.

Trailing by five points, with six rounds to go, they look well and truly doomed.

Next week they meet Canterbury in direct opposition — and this match would be of great significance for them only if, in the meantime, they could beat St. George; a tough though not an impossible order.

These are their remaining games:

	6.	5.	4.	3.	2.	1.
Canterbury	10	P. Hel.	Man.	Pol.	Yug.	St. G.
Manly	5	St. G.	Cant.	Hak.	SCU	APIA

But compare this with the record of Herbert Ninias who in the 26-week long 1960 season scored 46 goals for Prague — and missed two matches!

At this rate of "prolific scoring", anybody can win the race — maybe with 13 or 14 goals!

Who will that be? We'd

say either Karyannis or Baartz though Alston, Smith or Gary Manuel may also bang in a few home.

Finally let's stick our necks out once again. Here are the final-four predictions of Paul Dean and Lou Gautier, which coincide perfectly:

1. Hakoah.
2. Pan Hellenic.
3. APIA.
4. Prague.

N. Z. NEWSLETTER

Kiwis keen to trounce Aust.

— From BILL STUART in Auckland —

Intensive, five-times-a-week training for the remaining two and a half months before the first match against Australia in mid-September in the World Cup preliminaries is being planned for the New Zealand squad by national coach Juan Schwanner.

Judged by the New Zealand team which played in the South Vietnam National Day Tournament late last year and the one who played against Cardiff City in June, the Kiwis' World Cup team is likely to contain a preponderance of Aucklanders, so Schwanner will naturally base his program of preparation there.

But he has already asked about half a dozen players from other parts of the country if they are available to transfer for a couple of months to live and work in Auckland so that they can join the New Zealand squad in regular practice.

Schwanner realises more than anyone in this country that this first foray into World Cup football is a monumental task and he realises, too, what a big boost it would be for soccer in New Zealand if some progress was made through the preliminaries.

Ever since he was appointed 16 months ago, he has concentrated on team-building rather than rely on the established name players.

As a result he is drawing a larger percentage of New Zealand-born players into the national team, which is a healthy sign for the future of the game.

Soon after the match against Cardiff City the New Zealand captain and stopper, Tom McNab, a former Patrick Thistle player, announced his retirement from all representative football to concentrate on his duties as player-coach for the leading Auckland club Eastern Suburbs.

McNab has been the lynchpin of the New Zealand and Auckland teams since he arrived in this country just over four years ago and he will not be easy to replace.

Schwanner may switch reg-

ular right back Colin Lamour, of Auckland, to the pivotal role, and other candidates to succeed McNab are Malcolm Ferguson, of Otago, or Billy Hunter, a New Zealand under-23 representative who is captain and stopper of the Auckland team Eden, currently making a determined bid for the Northern League title.

Another possibility is the Christchurch City player-coach, Gwyn Evans, a former Crystal Palace (London) professional, who is very much in the McNab mould.

Players invited to move to Auckland for World Cup training include Ferguson, Geoff Davis, a solid fullback from Christchurch, a 20-year-old outside left speedster, Mranko Madrusen from Evans' club, and talented link player Terry Haydon who is the player coach to Christchurch Rangers.

In addition Derek Phillips, the New Brighton (Christchurch) goalkeeper is sought as understudy to national keeper Nev Siebert, of Auckland.

A surprise omission is that none of Wellington's small but select band of Hungarians have been invited to join the squad, especially Imre Kiss, the Western Suburbs player-coach, who was the architect of the Central League's 3-2 win over Cardiff City in the Welsh club's only defeat in this country.

It is too early yet to prognosticate on the probable New Zealand team but Schwanner says:

"Provided only I get the backing and support for a long spell of intensive preparation I can say we will beat Australia and have every chance of winning the Asian group for a place in Mexico in 1970."

Trust does it again ...

— By LOU GAUTIER —

This most high-handed, arbitrary and dictatorial of all Sydney sporting bodies, the Sydney Cricket Ground and Sportsground Trust, two weeks ago again showed itself in its true colors.

The Trust knocked back an application by Pan Hellenic to play their home matches against Hakoah and APIA at the Sports-ground.

Pan Hellenic, quite correctly, pointed out that it was imperative they secure a larger ground for these two vital matches, which may well attract crowds in excess of Wentworth Park's capacity of between 16,000 and 17,000 spectators.

There is little doubt the club can expect that sort of a bumper crowd against the championship-seeking Hakoah, and arch-rivals, APIA.

The presence of Loukanidis and Pan Hellenic's exalted position on the competition ladder back up their moves for the two dates at the Sports-ground, the only ground in Sydney capable of holding a large Sunday crowd in comfort.

The Trust, however, knocked back the application, offering its time-honored excuse that Rugby League had top priority.

It doesn't seem to worry the Trust that Sunday Rugby League matches at the Sports-ground this year

have been abject failures crowd-wise.

So much so that the NSW Rugby League is seriously considering scrapping its policy of staging the second most attractive match of its weekend round on Sunday at the Sports-ground next season.

Should the Rugby League decide to revert to a home-and-away match system in 1969, the Sports-ground will become available every two weeks when Eastern Suburbs Rugby League team is playing "away."

Soccer should waste no time exploring the possibilities of leasing the Sports-ground every second Sunday throughout the whole of the 1969 winter season.

The NSW Federation should make an early bid for the ground — even before the current season is over — and then sublet it, so to speak, to any First Division club which wishes to transfer its Sunday home match there next season.

An early application would prevent the decidedly anti-soccer Trust to come up with more lame excuses next year.

— EDITORIAL — NO PRIDE, JUST PREJUDICE?

There has been an incredible amount of vague, though often heated, discussion recently on one of the most controversial issues of our soccer: should "foreign" names of clubs be changed or abolished?

The whole range of human failings — dishonesty, bigotry, envy, stubbornness, arrogance and ignorance — has surrounded this issue.

The problem is not new; as far back as the old Association days we can remember similar arguments pro and con.

In the first few years of the Federation the matter was politely sidelined; after all, it was chiefly the migrant clubs that planned and executed the successful breakaway so any such frontal attack on their names would have been clearly in poor taste.

But now, in the last two or three years, the old campaign slogans have been dug out once again; nobody has been more anxious to fan the flames than one TV commentator desperately seeking notoriety.

This newspaper has expressed its views on the matter quite clearly and often enough: we are opposed to any use of force, threat or intimidation, direct or implied.

In this free society people of many races and creeds can and do live together peacefully, in relative harmony.

Those who were born here and those who migrated here later in their lives enjoy equal rights: neither side has the right to demand absolute and unequivocal conformity from the other.

It is a shocking abuse of the freedom of speech — in print or over the air — when a few embittered, misguided or vendetta-hungry individuals are allowed to incite emotions almost to the point of hysteria.

The "foreign names" of some clubs cannot possibly offend anybody.

Those who wish to support these clubs are free to do so; those who for any reason whatsoever have no such wish, are perfectly free to ignore them.

No migrant club has yet attempted to dictate to district clubs what names they should carry on their banner; it is only natural that they deeply resent a similar interference in their own affairs.

According to the most vocal propagandist of this racist cause, it is these "foreign" names that prevent the large masses of Australians from falling hopelessly in love with soccer.

Change the names, they suggest, and overnight soccer will boom, sweeping Australians off their feet.

Such hypothesis is in itself an insult to the intelligence and decency of the average Australian who is pictured as a morose bigot, itching to support soccer but prevented from this by the sight of foreign names (and presumably foreign individuals) whom he simply cannot stomach.

This, as we know, is not true. Furthermore, there is not a shred of evidence that by abolishing the currently used "foreign names" we would gain one extra supporter.

Up to 1955 there were no migrant teams in the top NSW division; in 1956 there were two.

The vast district populations had an unlimited choice in supporting purely local teams — yet they failed to do this.

Even today, the district clubs — some of whom are ferociously advocating the arbitrary abolition of migrant names — cannot get 1000 spectators to their "pure" games.

So this theory remains a theory until proved. And to even attempt proving it without extremely sound and reliable evidence would be a risky and perhaps costly exercise.

Australians have cheerfully accepted "foreign" names in every other walk of their lives.

They wine and dine at the elegant "Buona Sera" without demanding a change for the anglicised "Good Evening"; they buy their furs at the Rodny Salons without insisting on the place being called Ronald; they buy their vegetables at a thousand Italian shops, their smallgoods at Hungarian and Polish delicatessen, their cakes at French pâtisseries and their shop sues at various undecipherable Chinese restaurants — by simply taking these places and names for what they are.

They also drive Volkswagen and Mercedes-Benz cars without raising an eyebrow; type on Olivettis, click away with Leicas and their ladies parade in Schiaparelli without being offended.

Large corporations and companies can peacefully carry the names of their migrant founders and proprietors and do business with other Australian firms without being molested; the universities, the churches and even the armed forces make no distinction at all.

Except in soccer, of course, where all the remaining intolerance, ignorance and bigotry seems to have been condensed.

Those fanning the flames of prejudice are doing more than just projecting their sentiments towards the migrants: they are also doing a tremendous disservice to the decent, tolerant and intelligent Australians.

It's high time they found themselves another hobby-horse; this one has been ridden to death.

FLOTTA LAURO

SYDNEY RESULTS AND DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

A.P.I.A

1 (0)
Campana 56 min.

Sth. Coast

0 (0)

Croatia

1 (0)
Reynolds 75 min.

Polonia

2 (1)
Urbanik 34 and 83 mins.

P. Hellenic

1 (1)
Karyannis 30 min.

St. George

0 (0)

Manly

1 (0)
Maloney 86 min.

Yugal

2 (1)
J. Alagich 31 min., Halpin 57 min.

Prague

1 (0)
G. Manuel 62 min.

Hakoah

0 (0)

Melita E.

4 (1)
Thorne 5 and 46 mins.,
Taylor (o.g.) 61 min., Smith
74 min.

Canterbury

5 (2)
Ninaus 16 min., Galbraith
30 min., Romanos 56 min.,
Hood 58 min., Massi 60 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

Taylor 4, Van Blerk 4, Ackerley 4, Hughes 5, Sambrook 3, Bottalico 4, McKinnon 3 (Blue 2), Campana 4, Di Lonardo 4, Campbell 3, Giacometti 2.

TOTAL: 40

Coach: A. Iglesias.

Ramage 4, Barnes 4, Cuthbert 3, Kelly 3, Carr 4, Davies 3, Alston 3, Anderson 4, Tolson 4, McGarry 4, Freeme 3.

TOTAL: 39

Coach: J. Kelly.

Corry 3; Lincoln 4, Sloan 4; Curry 3 (injured), Shepherd 3, Page 3; Reynolds 4, Wright 4, Giles 3, R. Cush 2, F. Cush 2.

TOTAL: 35

Coach: W. Vrolyks.

Frazer 4; Filok 3, Skiba 3; Adamson 3, Dzialach 4, Komoder 4; Povey 4, Minol 2, Kulak (repl. in 4th min. by Addison 3), Krawiarz 3, Urbanik 4.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: J. Horinek.

Clarke 3; Johnston 4, Hignett 3; McCulloch 3, Mallard 3, Westwater 3; Blitz 3, Petrou 2 (Patrinos 2), Loukanidis 4, Smith 4, Karyannis 3.

TOTAL: 36

Coach: W. Tamandl.

Haffey 4; Nuttall 4, Hillary 3; Schaefer 4, Morgan 3, Zuckerman 3 (injured, carried off 70 min.); Harris 2, Sandell 2, Cliss 2, Fernandez 4, McCue 3.

TOTAL: 33

Coach: G. Polgar.

Tuinman 3; McGrath 3, Brooks 4; Jones 3, Campbell 3, Jagger 3; Nutt 3, Hendry 3, Parker 3, Maloney 4, Waller 3.

TOTAL: 35

Coach: D. Adrigan.

Ljubic 4; Pacanin 4, Crnic 3; Lang 3, Banicevic 4, Rajaneli 5; J. Alagich 4, M. Alagich 4, Halpin 3, Bobic 2, Volar 2 (Kresinger 3).

TOTAL: 38

Coach: F. Dunaj.

King 4; Harcombe 4, Tracey 3; Blacker 4, Zeman 5, Blanco 3; Moulson 3, Lowry 3 (G. Manuel 4), Scheinflug 4, Hoggart 4, Armytage 4.

TOTAL: 41

Coach: J. Venglos.

Fuzes 4 (Wilson); Stewart 3, Hillsdon 4, Gardiner 3, Marnoch 4, Yaager 3; Edmunds 4, Watkiss 3 (Fekete 3), Barnett 3, Baartz 4, Jones 3.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: D. Holden.

Eaton 3; Woods 3, Hewlett 3; Watts 3, De Bruin 5, Edwards 4; Quested 3, Bankhead 4 (Brennan 4), Thorne 4, Smith 4, Goldie 3.

TOTAL: 39

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Demopoulos 4; Whitehead 4, Hardy 4; Romanos 4, Taylor 3, Galbraith 4; Massi 4, Striplis 3, Hood 4, Ninaus 4, Paxinos 4.

TOTAL: 42

Coach: H. Ninaus.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Match rating: *

Only inches separated South Coast from causing a major surprise by snatching a point. In the first half the relentlessly attacking APIA looked by far the better team. However, with McKinnon gone, strangely picked instead of Giacometti to make room for Blue, all the speed and zip of the APIA offensive vanished. After the goal South Coast abandoned their very defensive 4-4-2 stance and became more adventurous. With APIA abdicating from its dominant role, South Coast gradually gained the upper hand and twice went close to scoring. Once again it was proved that APIA just cannot get going on the mini-pitch of Lambert Park which suited the visitors so much better.

Crowd: 2,500.

Referee: G. Naylor.

— PAUL DEAN

Match rating: *

Polonia should have had the match won long before they actually did. Some nice team work saw Povey twice face Corry alone but mess up both chances. Polonia's attack took some time to recover from Kulak's early injury — and opened the score against the run of the play. Croatia gave away an unnecessary freekick just outside the box; Krawiarz' shot almost fractured the bar and Urbanik scored from the rebound. Croatia lost stopper Curry early in the second half but this only spurred them on to even greater efforts. They managed to equalise but in the end had to capitulate to a more polished Polonia. Both teams played tight, tough football which resulted in many fouls that marred an otherwise enjoyable game.

Crowd: 2,362.

Referee: N. Jones.

— EDDIE EVANS

Match rating: *

The 10,000 — plus crowd deserved better than the sub-standard fare both teams dished out. The match was boring, completely lacked action and excitement. Pan Hellenic's superior speed won them the points. They deserved to win though their goal was practically a "gift". Pan Hellenic, however, never reproduced their irresistible "Yugal form". Loukanidis had a quiet game, but was still their most constructive player and he displayed some precision shooting. St. George, with the exception of the tireless Fernandes, failed miserably in attack. They could have played all through the night without even scoring.

Crowd: 10,153.

Referee: A. Faroue.

— LOU GAUTIER

Match rating: *

An entertaining match in which Manly had the better of the early exchanges, but again missed a number of chances, including two "sitters". Yugal, relying on their usual breakaway methods, opened the scoring against the run of play, then asserted their superiority and went to a 2-0 lead after 57 minutes. Manly, however, staged another grandstand finish to reduce the margin, and with a little luck could have equalized. The Yugal halfback line, superbly marshalled by Rafaneli, was generally too experienced and controlled the midfield almost throughout. The lack of a striker again caused the seafiders' downfall.

Crowd: 2,310.

Referee: P. Rampley.

— LINCOLN WALTERS

Match rating: *

A super-keen Prague and a very keen Hakoah turned on a first rate match. Scheinflug shook the upright with a rocketing penalty kick in the 20th minute and it was not until the 62nd min. that replacement Gary Manuel shot home past replacement Duncan Wilson. The Prague defence played like demons possessed, and the attack, particularly Hoggart, Scheinflug, and Armytage dominated the centre and harassed the Hakoah defence. In a finish with a queer twist, referee Lockrey awarded a penalty against goalkeeper King, consulted his linesman, and reversed it. After that, Prague played "potts in" for the last few minutes.

Crowd: 2,700.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Match rating: *

Canterbury, playing their best football of this year, resisted Melita Eagles' final onslaught to scrape home with both points, probably ensuring a place for yet another season in First Division. After a somewhat scrappy first half, in which both sides played hit-and-run football, the standard of play improved considerably. The second half was an action-packed, tension-filled episode which thrilled the small crowd right to the final whistle as fortunes swayed incessantly. The Eagles equalised in the first minute after the resumption, but their success was shortlived as the Berries banged in three goals in a four-minute scoring orgy. Leading comfortably, Canterbury eased off and allowed Melita to take control for the rest of the game, and it was sheer luck, rather than sound defence, that Canterbury did not concede at least one point at the finish.

Crowd: 1,250.

Referee: N. Campbell.

— CHARLES SPITERI

COACHES COMMENT

Adauto Iglesias: "We had great difficulty against South Coast which used up to eight defenders. Our forwards obviously didn't know how to break through."

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Jim Kelly: "I feel we deserved a draw. We played without orthodox wingers but what can you do when you haven't any?"

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Bill Vrolyks: "We should have at least drawn. Now all our semifinal hopes are dashed and we can at least start our rebuilding for the 1969 season."

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Joe Horinek: "We could have won by a wider margin. We let the ball do the work for us and certainly played the better football."

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Walter Tamandl: "A very tough game. I don't understand why St. George are so lowly placed. Though we did not play well, the main thing was to win the two points — and become the competition leaders."

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Gyula Polgar: "The boys fought admirably. Without the silly goal we gave away, we would have snatched the draw I think we fully deserved."

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Denes Adrigan: "We again missed many chances and made silly mistakes at critical moments. When Manly finally woke up, it was unfortunately too late."

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Ferdo Dunaj: "Yugal were the better team, but we had a tough fight on our hands. Manly giving nothing away. I'm not very happy with my players. They were too complacent."

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Joe Venglos: "I was sorry to see Ray Gardiner go off injured. I don't think Hakoah having to finish with 10 men won us the match, because I believe we had the better of a good match right through."

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Doug Holden: "The best team won. Prague ran us ragged in the first half. It won't be easy for Hakoah to get right back on the rails again, but we're working on it."

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Joe Vlasits: "We could have won if we had played throughout like in the last 20 minutes when we were all over Canterbury. Bad defensive lapses certainly cost us a point, if not two."

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Herbert Ninans: "We gave away too many goals after we scored our five. If we hadn't won this game after scoring five goals, we might as well have given soccer away."

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"BIG TWO" LOCKED IN DEADLY DUEL

By LOU GAUTIER

Can Pan Hellenic win their seventh match in a row? Can Hakoah lose three times in succession?

This weekend will tell. Now however, should win both points to keep their championship prospects alive and kicking.

Neither of the main title aspirants has what you can call an easy match. However, both should scrape home with the maximum points.

All the other semifinal hopefuls will have tough assignments and it would be surprising if one or two didn't get derailed somewhere along the slippery track.

The weekend menu:

Hakoah v. Melita Eagles

The once almost flawless, smooth-running Hakoah machine has gone bay-wire at the worst possible moment, what with Pan Hellenic breathing fire in the home stretch of the championship.

If Hakoah don't pull their socks up smartly, they'll have missed the boat to take out their first title — an unimaginable occurrence only three weeks ago.

The pressure is starting to tell on Hakoah's defense, which has had to carry most of the weight all through the season.

Their forwards were all but non-existent in their last two outings, in contrast with Melita Eagles whose forwards fired on all cylinders last Sunday while the defense waded badly.

Melita could never consider scoring as many goals to the Hakoah defense, and will have to settle for their favorite defense-packing method to come away from Wentworth Park with a respectable score.

Even a "bad" Hakoah should carry too many guns for the Eagles, but Hakoah at this stage need a convincing, impressive win to arrest their sudden alarming slump.

A good win here would do wonders for their sagging morale.

Whether they can do this remains to be seen. Hakoah edge at Marks Field.

St. George v. Manly

Two sickly teams, with the most unproductive forwards in the competition, meet in a match at Hurstville Oval on Saturday which surely must only have academic interest at this late stage of the competition.

Why St. George persist in retaining forwards who fail week after week instead of allowing their new British imports to show their paces in the first team is a mystery.

What have they got to lose now when all is lost anyhow?

Manly, believe it or not, don't seem too perturbed at the prospect of returning to Second Division.

Their "lily-whites" are quite content to take each match as it comes, and though they've only won one match this season they are still as keen as mustard, as their grandstand finished week after week indicate.

Despite their many flaws, St. George should be too strong all round for the visitors.

Yugal v. Polonia

Having disposed of Croatia, Polonia this weekend will be hell-bent on destroying another semifinal contender.

A defeat would put Yugal out of the race for good and allow Polonia to remain Prague and APIA's only challengers.

Polonia deserved their win over Croatia last Saturday and they seem to have gained a new lease of life after a depressing slump which almost eliminated them as a semifinal prospect.

Having beaten Manly much more easily than Yugal indicates that Yugal's record is not as bad as it appears.

Whether they can do this remains to be seen. Hakoah edge at Marks Field.

This is a hard match to pick. It could go either way without causing the slightest surprise.

The two teams are evenly matched in all departments. Both have solid defences and both have equally goal-shy forwards.

In Povey and Joe Alagich, they each have a fleet-footed match-winning winger, and while Polonia may have the better ball-playing inside-men in Mindol and Krawiarz, Yugal, on the day, have more dash.

Yugal's greater "elan", as well as the home ground advantage, prompts us to give them the slightest of nods, but a draw or a Polonia win is just as much on the cards.

Canterbury v. Pan Hellenic

Canterbury mightn't take the points at Wentworth Park on Sunday, but they'll return to Marrickville (it's their home gate despite the venue) a few thousand dollars richer.

Loukanidis and this tantalising "all-Greek" clash will see to that!

The match should literally produce fireworks. There's no love-lost between followers of the two camps, and there's likely to be as much action, color and excitement on the terraces as on the field.

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ROUND THE WORLD

Rule to change?

The FIFA rules committee is reportedly studying a plan which would abolish the offside position before freekicks, the same as before throw-ins and corner kicks. Many experts feel this would make the game more interesting, produce more goals, reduce the number of "tactical" fouls and eliminate completely the often unpleasant and always time-consuming scenes when the defensive "walls" line up.

All in a day

The Hungarian Olympic squad is spending the three weeks break in the competition not with rest — but hard work. Under coach Karoly Lakat, the 25 players train up to three times a day — morning, afternoon and evening — for a total of four hours a day. This, roughly speaking, is the weekly quota of an average Australian spare-time professional...

Olympic referees

The following referees have been chosen to officiate at the Olympic Games: Filho (Brazil), Betchirov (Bulgaria), Velasquez (Colombia), Galba (Czechoslovakia), Tarekegn (Ethiopia), Kitaibjian (France), Robles (Guatemala), Zsolt (Hungary), Klein (Israel), Maruyama (Japan), Badru (Nigeria), Hieger (Peru), Marmol (Salvador), Iglesias (Spain), Suvarae (Thailand) and Gugulovic (Yugoslavia). Seven Mexicans, a Moroccan and a Guinean will be added to this list this weekend.

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Brazilian experts don't expect current national team boss, Aymore Moreira, to see the year through. They claim Moreira can't hit it off with some key players, and that many unpleasant, behind-the-scenes incidents occurred during Brazil's recent world tour. According to Brazilian newspapers, Moreira will be sacked before Christmas. Didi, the star of the 1958 World Cup, is tipped to replace him in a shock appointment.

● A series of "challenge" matches will kick-off the season in Britain on August 3 — seven days before the start of the Scottish League Cup. Celtic will meet Leeds in Glasgow, Rangers travel to London to play Tottenham and Hibernians will play Newcastle United at Edinburgh. Celtic and Rangers meet in the first round of the League Cup.

● Barcelona won the Spanish Cup when they beat Real Madrid 1-0 in the final, and in Madrid, in front of some 110,000 Real fans to boot. The win was the once glamorous Barcelona's first success since 1963.

● After 17 rounds in Russia, Spartak Moscow lead with 26 points, two ahead of Dynamo Kiev. Torpedo Moscow are equal fourth, seven points behind.

● Santos, Benfica, Barcelona, the Venezuelan national team, Nacional Montevideo and Racing Buenos Aires will take part in Caracas' world-famous tournament, starting this weekend. The winning team will collect a \$30,000 prize.

● The UEFA have chosen Daring Brussels (Belgium) to take the place of Sweden's Malmo in the Fair Cities' Cup. Malmo pulled out because they unexpectedly won the Swedish Cup and will take part in the European Cup-Winners' Cup instead.

● Real Madrid will visit the USA for 10 days next month. In New York they'll meet the local team, which two weeks ago caused a sensation by defeating the Pele-led Santos 5-3 before a near-record crowd of 38,500.

● There has been an increase in US National League attendances. The matches now draw an average crowd of 7,400, compared to 5,100 in 1967.

● Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, the USA and Argentina will contest a tournament in Buenos Aires in the second half of August. The series is designed to help the five countries sort out their World Cup "house."

● Picchi, the former Inter Milan skipper, will turn to coaching next season. He is now undergoing Italy's annual coaching academy.

● Manga, one of Brazil's top goalies, will move to Peru. He left Botafogo in a huff after a financial wrangle with the Rio club's management.

● The North Vietnamese national team will spend several weeks training in Hungary as from the middle of August.

● A record 21 foreign players have joined West German Bundesliga clubs during the off-season. Since 1963, 56 foreign stars, including 20 Yugoslavs, have transferred to Germany.

● The United States World Cup squad had its initial training — in "camp" at St. Louis, Missouri — last week under national coach, Welshman Phil Woosnam.

● The UEFA, soccer's European ruling body, has donated \$5,000 to the victims of the recent Sicilian earthquakes.

● Lev Yashin, the legendary Russian goalkeeper, is on a lecture and demonstration tour of Sweden. Yashin is instructing coaches on special exercises for goalkeepers.

● Facchetti, the star Italian fullback, scored his 32 goals in international matches (World Cup, European Nations Cup and inter-club series). The absolute record for a fullback is 100 goals, scored by Rumanian international, Jica Andrei, for Progresul, between 1946 and 1956.

● Gornik Zabrze, the Polish Cup winners, opened their Central and South American tour with a 4-3 win over Oro, the Mexican club.

● Scottish bookmakers are quoting Celtic at shorter odds than Manchester United. The 1966-67 European Champions are quoted at 4-1, the current champions at 9-2, and AC Milan, Benfica and Real Madrid at 5-1 to win the European Cup.

● Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) and Sparta Trnava (Czechoslovakia) meet in the final of the Mitropa Cup on August 21 at Trnava and on August 28 in Belgrade.

● F.A.R. (the Armed Forces team) won their seventh Moroccan Championship. The Rabat club is the only full-time outfit in Africa as they are soldiers and airmen in name only. Midweek they play friendlies all over the continent and Middle-East.

● John Forrest, the former Rangers centre-forward, has returned to Scotland after a spell with English Second Division Preston. Forrest has signed with Aberdeen.

● Ion Ionescu, the Rumanian international became the first player from behind the "Iron Curtain" (Yugoslavia excepted), to receive authorisation to play in West Germany. He has joined Alemannia Aachen.

Mexico's historic win

Brazil ended their world tour with a 2-0 win over the Mexican Olympic team at Mexico City, a 1-2 defeat, also in Mexico, against the full, "A" Mexican national side, and a 4-3 win over Peru at Lima, after trailing 1-3 at the 60th minute. Mexico's win was a historic one. It was its first international success against one of South America's "big three" — Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina.

Busy Yugoslavs

Yugoslavia will play five internationals — against Russia, Poland, Finland, Belgium and Spain — between September 11 and October 27. The national team will cap off a busy international program with a full-scale South American tour, starting on December 17.

Have they learned?

The West Berlin club Hertha has announced that they will spend some \$200,000 on new players now that they have again been promoted to the Bundesliga. Only a few years ago Hertha were in deep trouble because of over-payments to players and suspected bribes. The first two players they've signed are Franz Brungs (FC Nurnberg), an international, and Gernot Fraydl, the former Austrian national team goalie, who had an 18-month spell with the St. Louis club in America.

Israelis won't quit Asia

Calls for Israel to withdraw from Asian soccer competition and play mainly in Europe have followed the recent return home from Asian tournaments of the national and youth football teams. But the Israeli FA's executive has adopted a resolution that Israel should continue to participate. Both teams lost their Asian titles last month, the national team in the fourth Asian Cup Finals in Teheran and the youngsters in Seoul in the tenth Asian Youth Championships, which Israel had won for the previous four years. In each of the tournaments Israel finished third. The Israelis had to face hostile spectators and low-standard referees — factors which they claim contributed to their unexpected defeats.

British hooliganism investigated

Soccer hooliganism, and the problems behind it, are to be investigated fully by an expert working party named by the British Minister of Sport, Mr. Denis Howell. Howell, with chiefs of the major football bodies in England, Scotland and Wales, and a Home Office official, will sit on the committee under Sir John Lang, the government adviser on sport. They will look into match arrangements and crowd control, police facilities at grounds, how supporters' clubs can give more help, seating improvements, and the need to improve communications between the clubs and the public. The move has been welcomed by all the clubs in the Football League. They promised full support.

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Cook's tour of Melbourne

Greeks of Hellas take 'French leave'

— From BOB LOW —

South Melbourne Hellas, who have their sights set to win the State League title for the fifth time in seven years, have suffered a double blow this season by the return to Greece of two top class players, Argris Neofostisos and Andreas Tzenos.

Both players cost Hellas a packet to bring them here; a five-figure amount has been reliably quoted.

Yet Hellas, after installing both in well paid jobs and paying them weekly terms in excess of that paid by any other club in Victoria, were rewarded by them both returning to Greece after playing only a handful of games apiece.

Neofostisos, a forward, in fact played only two games for the club before chucking it in.

Tzenos, a wing-half, who gained quick recognition by playing for Victoria against

McColl returns

Former Adelaide Juveniles and Australian international forward, Tommy McColl, has returned to Adelaide from Melbourne where he has been playing for Melbourne Juventus.

According to an Italian language newspaper, he was asked to return by Adelaide Juventus, but the club denied the rumor.

Collie junior was transferred from Adelaide to Melbourne Juventus for a \$6,000 fee following his return from Asia last year.

McColl has taken a job in Adelaide.

With the transfer deadline past, he will be unable to play unless he returns to Melbourne.

Cardiff City, played for a couple of months.

While the Greek club are top spenders and the top drawing card in State League soccer, few outside their own camp appear to have any sympathy for a situation which is of their own making.

Nevertheless Hellas, by importing good class players from Greece and often at enormous expense, considerably boost the coffers of all the other clubs by virtue of their big support.

The set-back is unlikely to deter Hellas from bringing more good class players in the future.

And though they are lacking a striker and scorer in their present line-up, their hopes of another title success are still very much alive.

Dubbed as the best cup-tie side in Victorian soccer over the past five years, a tag which is well deserved with their Australia, Dockerty and Ampol Cup successes, Slavia have also done well league-wise in the same period without managing to chalk up a title win.

However, in 1967 they nose-dived down to seventh spot at the end of the season and this year they are in danger of slipping even further unless they show a revival in their remaining games.

The plain truth is that the shine has worn off Slavia and the time has

arrived when the club will have to give serious thoughts to replacing half their team and place the emphasis on forward re-newals.

The rift with Willy Schroif, the former Czechoslovakian international 'keeper has added to their worries and it seems unlikely that the "Black Cat" will play again for the Port Melbourne side.

In fact, he is likely to return to Czechoslovakia soon.

Bringing back Ray Bartajis who served the club for 13 years before displaced by Schroif in 1967 is obviously a retrograde step but one which is only intended as a stopgap measure.

Biggest blow of all has been the absence for the past few weeks of the injury-stricken Billy Cook at centre-half.

The former Kilmarnock player has been the backbone of the Slavia side for the past five years and the latest news is that he is likely to be out of action for some more weeks yet.

Surprising feature of Slavia's success in recent years has been the fact they have achieved these with only a mediocre attack. It's their superb defence.

It's their superb defence.

WITH THE AMATEURS

SOUTH SYDNEY LOOMING AS THE DANGER TEAM

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

South Sydney moved from sixth place to equal third in the Inter-Suburban First Division at the weekend, as a result of taking three points from two outings.

Now equal with Thistle, Marrickville and Concordia, Souths have the advantage of a further match in hand.

After only winning 2-1 on Saturday against probable relegation candidate, Ryde, Souths were lucky to hang on long enough to take the points with Marrickville.

They scored from near touch right into the far corner, and had to defend continually from there on.

Hockey scored his customary equaliser for Marrickville, and then the bombardment really started.

While Souths defended, Marrickville missed the "sitters."

Wentworthville's win at the expense of Blacktown was more clear-cut than the 3-0 score indicates.

Wentworthville led 2-0 at half time.

Their goals were scored by Blinkhurst (2) and Horder (1).

Ryde went down 1-5 to Eastside-MTK at Hall Field.

Ryde pulled to 1-1, but without a clear plan it was all downhill from then on.

In Second Division on Saturday, Riverside whitewashed Gymea 14-0, and took over the top of the table from Guildford.

Their goals were scored by Schwarz (4), Hill (4), Doller (3), Willis (2) and Wesely.

Rapid could have scored many more had they not eased off in the second half after leading 8-0 at the break.

Gymea, weakened by the absence of many players, were no match for their polished opponents.

There will be plenty of interest in Third Division this week, when the leaders, Rovers and Condell Park meet.

A win for Rovers would put them three points ahead.

Whilst this would be a very handy margin, with teams like All Stars, Gladstone-Hornsby and Dee Why still to meet, the competition result might not be fully decided.

The Fourth Division game at Campbelltown between the home side and Newtown Progressives was abandoned after 10 minutes.

One Newtown player was taken to hospital for treatment.

RESULTS & TABLES

Second Division: Sydney Uni. v. St. Marys — St. Pauls Oval, Gymea v. Yagoona — Grays Point, Artarmon, Scots v. Guildford — Cahill Park.

Fourth Division: Chelsea v. Liverpool Eagles — Moore Park, Ku-ring-gai v. Maroubra — Asquith Oval.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

First Division: Thistle v. Belmore — Bankstown Soccer Centre, East Side-MTK v. Blacktown, Moore Park, Concord v. Lidcombe — Steel Park, NSW University v. Marrickville — D. Phillips Oval.

Second Division: Penrith v. Kewpies — Jamison Park, Enmore v. Riverside Rapids — Mackay Fair, Waverley, Saintly v. Auburn Juniors — Don Valley Oval.

Third Division: Fairfield-Klev v. Gladstone-Hornsby — Knights Oval, Greenacre v. Revesby Workers — Allum Park, Rovers Juniors v. Condell Park.

Fourth Division: Prospect v. Central United, Jardine Park, Newtown Progressives v. Padstow Park, Outer Wentworth Park, Beverly Hills v. Campbelltown — Beverly Hills Oval.

Sydney Juniors

The second round of the Metropolitan Championship round-robin was played last Saturday at Bankstown and Manly.

The Inter-District under-15, 15 and 16 competitions continued last week and with only two matches remaining, the "top four" are still very much in doubt.

RESULTS & TABLES

Under-21: Playing carpet football, Granville defeated Gladstone 5-0 to become the Metropolitan Champions and will now represent Sydney in the State Final.

Under-16: Bankstown 3 d. Sutherland 0; Canterbury 6 d. Ku-ring-gai 1; Wests 2 d. Gladstone 1; Southern Districts 2 d. St. George 1; Norths 3 d. Manly 1.

Under-15: Sutherland 1 d. Bankstown 0; Easts 2 d. Ku-ring-gai 0; Gladstone 3 d. Wests 1; Nepean 0 drew St. George 0; Granville 2 d. Manly 1.

Under-14: Bankstown 1 d. Canterbury 0; Gladstone 1 d. Ku-ring-gai 1; St. George 1 d. Wests 0; St. George 3 drew Nepean 3; Manly 2 d. Granville 1.

(SECOND ROUND)

Under-13: Granville 8 d. Bankstown 0; Sutherland 3 d. Gladstone 1.

Under-12: Granville 4 d. Bankstown 2; Southern Districts 2 drew Sutherland 2.

Under-11: Bankstown 5 d. St. George 2; Sutherland 1 d. Canterbury 0.

Under-10: Ku-ring-gai 3 d. Gladstone 2; Sutherland 3 d. Canterbury 1.

Under-9: Bankstown 1 d. St. George 0; Sutherland 1 drew Canterbury 1.

Under-8: Bankstown 2 d. Granville 0; Canterbury 1 drew Sutherland 1.

RESULTS FIRST DIVISION

Balmain v. Artarmon	2-2	1-1
Lidcombe v. Thistle	0-0	1-2
Ryde v. St. Sydney	1-2	0-8
Ryde v. East Side-MTK	1-5	0-1
Blacktown v. Wenty	0-3	1-5
Marrickville v. S. Sydney	1-1	1-1
NSW Uni. v. Concordia	1-2	2-9

SECOND DIVISION

Kewpies v. Enmore	1-2	1-2
Riverside v. Gymea	14-0	0-0
Arndcliffe v. Waringah	0-0	2-0
St. Marys v. Penrith	3-1	4-0
Guildford v. Yagoona	0-0	1-3
Auburn v. Sydney Uni.	5-1	5-1

THIRD DIVISION

G'ville-H'by v. W. Ryde	1-1	1-1
Condell Park v. Revesby	3-1	0-3
Dee Why v. Greenacre	5-2	1-1
All Stars v. Ffield-Klev	4-2	1-2

FOURTH DIVISION

Central Dist. v. Chelsea	2-2	0-3
Pistow Pk. v. Ku-ring-gai	2-5	3-3
L'pool E. v. Beverly Hills	4-2	1-10
Crown v. Newtown	abandoned after 10 minutes.	

UNDER-16:

Bankstown 14	1	1	49	18	27
Gladstone 13	1	2	56	19	25
Easts 9	4	3	37	19	22
Wests 7	2	2	6	26	21
Canterbury 10	1	4	45	23	21
Sutherland 8	1	7	33	33	17
Norths 5	2	8	19	33	13
Wests 5	1	8	19	25	11
Gladstone 5	2	2	12	16	5
Manly 1	3	1	31	13	44

UNDER-15:

Bankstown 14	1	1	49	18	27
Gladstone 13	1	2	56	19	25
Easts 9	4	3	37	19	22
Wests 7	2	2	6	26	21
Canterbury 10	1	4	45	23	21
Sutherland 8	1	7	33	33	17
Norths 5	2	8	19	33	13
Wests 5	1	8	19	25	11
Gladstone 5	2	2	12	16	5
Manly 1	3	1	31	13	44

UNDER-14:

Bankstown 13	1	2	99	13	27
Sutherland 12	2	2	54	15	26
Gladstone 12	12	4	52	17	24
Manly 11	1	3	46	16	23
Canterbury 5	4	3	28	44	11
Graville 5	3	8	26	32	13
St. George 5	2	2	8	28	12
Manly 3	4	4	9	15	28
Nepean 3	2	3	11	15	34
Wests 3	2	2	11	16	7
Ku-ring-gai 2	2	13	10	67	2

UNDER-13:

Bankstown 13	1	2	99	13	27
Sutherland 12	2	2	54	15	26
Gladstone 12	12	4	52	17	24
Manly 11	1	3	46	16	23
Canterbury 5	4	3	28	44	11
Graville 5	3	8	26	32	13
St. George 5	2	2	8	28	12
Manly 3	4	4	9	15	28
Nepean 3	2	3	11	15	34
Wests 3	2	2	11	16	7
Ku-ring-gai 2	2	13	10	67	2

UNDER-12:

Bankstown 13	1	2	99	13	27
Sutherland 12	2	2	54	15	26
Gladstone 12	12	4	52	17	24
Manly 11	1	3	46	16	23
Canterbury 5	4	3	28	44	11
Graville 5	3	8	26	32	13
St. George 5	2	2	8	28	12
Manly 3	4	4	9	15	28
Nepean 3	2	3	11	15	34
Wests 3	2	2	11	16	7
Ku-ring-gai 2	2	13	10	67	2

UNDER-11:

Bankstown 13	1	2	99	13	27
Sutherland 12	2	2	54	15	26
Gladstone 12	12	4	52	17	24
Manly 11	1	3	46	16	23
Canterbury 5	4	3	28	44	11
Graville 5	3	8	26	32	13
St. George 5	2	2	8	28	12
Manly 3	4	4	9	15	28
Nepean 3	2	3	11	15	34
Wests 3	2	2	11	16	7
Ku-ring-gai 2	2	13	10	67	2

UNDER-10:

Bankstown 13	1	2	99	13	27
Sutherland 12	2	2	54	15	26
Gladstone 12	12	4	52	17	24
Manly 11	1	3	46	16	23
Canterbury 5	4	3	28	44	11
Graville 5	3	8	26	32	13
St. George 5	2	2	8	28	12
Manly 3	4	4	9	15	28
Nepean 3	2	3	11	15	34
Wests 3	2	2	11	16	7
Ku-ring-gai 2	2	13	10	67	2

UNDER-9:

Bankstown 13	1	2	99	13	27
Sutherland 12	2	2	54	15	26
Gladstone 12	12	4	52	17	24
Manly 11	1	3	46	16	23
Canterbury 5	4	3	28	44	11
Graville 5	3	8	26	32	13
St. George 5	2	2	8	28	12
Manly 3	4	4	9	15	28
Nepean 3	2	3	11	15	34
Wests 3	2	2	11	16	7
Ku-ring-gai 2	2	13	10	67	2

UNDER-8:

Bankstown 13	1	2	99	13	27
Sutherland 12	2	2	54	15	26
Gladstone 12	12	4	52	17	24
Manly 11	1	3	46	16	23
Canterbury 5	4	3	28	44	11
Graville 5	3	8	26	32	13
St. George 5	2	2	8	28	12
Manly 3	4	4	9	15	28
Nepean 3	2	3	11	15	34
Wests 3	2	2	11	16	7
Ku-ring-gai 2	2	13	10	67	2

UNDER-7:

Bankstown 13	1	2	99	13	27
Sutherland 12	2	2	54	15	26
Gladstone 12	12	4	52	17	24
Manly 11	1	3	46	16	23
Canterbury 5</					

Competition**Tables****FIRST DIVISION****GRADE II.**

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	14	2	47	12	28	
APIA	11	3	2	42	17	25
SCU	10	1	5	45	22	21
Croatia	8	4	4	28	23	20
St. George	9	—	7	41	38	18
Melita Eagles	9	—	7	41	36	19
Hakoah	8	1	5	26	17	17
Pan Hellenic	8	—	9	27	24	10
Polonia	9	—	9	27	24	10
Canterbury	4	1	11	20	53	9
Manly	3	1	12	24	43	7
Yugal	1	—	15	8	52	2

GRADE III.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	11	3	2	39	18	25
Prague	11	2	3	33	18	24
St. George	9	4	4	29	19	21
Pan Hellenic	7	5	4	19	11	19
SCU	7	4	5	34	20	18
Canterbury	7	4	5	25	23	18
Hakoah	7	2	7	25	27	16
Yugal	4	7	5	25	25	16
Melita Eagles	5	3	8	31	35	13
APIA	5	2	9	21	35	12
Manly	2	3	11	18	37	7
Polonia	1	1	14	15	48	3

SECOND DIVISION**GRADE I.**

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	13	1	2	44	16	27
Auburn	11	3	2	41	16	25
Western Subs.	12	1	3	42	16	25
Sutherland	9	3	4	31	30	17
Marconi	7	4	5	29	16	18
Balgownie	7	4	5	30	19	18
Granville	6	3	7	34	38	15
NS-Inter	5	3	8	21	41	13
N. Bankstown	4	2	10	26	43	10
Corinthians	4	2	10	16	30	10
Lane Cove	3	3	13	18	47	6
Hornsby-NE	2	1	18	40	47	4

GRADE II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Subs.	15	1	2	45	19	26
Bankstown	12	2	2	45	19	26
Balgownie	12	1	3	50	14	25
Sutherland	10	1	5	41	23	21
Marconi	8	3	5	22	19	18
Auburn	6	5	3	33	24	17
Hornsby	7	1	8	25	35	12
Granville	6	1	9	41	42	13
Lane Cove	5	1	10	40	47	13
N. Bankstown	4	10	20	38	8	
Corinthians	2	2	12	40	40	6
NS-Inter	1	1	18	76	1	

GRADE III.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bankstown	15	1	77	7	31	
Western Subs.	13	2	2	45	19	26
Sutherland	12	1	3	50	14	25
Marconi	10	1	5	41	23	21
Auburn	8	3	5	22	19	18
Hornsby	5	1	10	23	34	11
Granville	3	2	11	24	60	8
Marconi	3	1	12	10	49	7
Corinthians	2	3	11	18	92	3
NS-Inter	1	2	13	18	53	3

INTER-SUBURBAN**FIRST DIVISION**

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Weniv	13	1	3	52	16	27
Artarmon	8	8	1	45	19	24
Thistle	9	3	5	41	21	21
Marrickville	7	3	6	32	21	21
South Sydney	9	3	6	32	21	21
Concord	8	5	4	36	27	21
East Side-MTK	8	1	7	40	33	17
Belmore	4	7	5	29	31	15
Blacktown	5	1	11	25	52	11
NSW Uni.	3	2	10	20	48	8
Lidcombe	3	2	11	18	37	8
Ryds	1	1	13	17	47	4

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Riverside	14	1	5	57	27	2
Guildford	13	1	3	50	15	27
Emmore	11	3	3	54	20	25
Warringah	9	4	4	47	24	22
Yagoona	8	4	5	30	26	20
Auburn	9	—	8	36	36	18
St. Marys	8	1	7	39	42	17
Arndcliffe Scots	6	3	8	24	31	15
Kewpsy	5	2	10	26	35	12
Penrith	3	4	8	32	38	10
Sydney Uni.	2	4	11	27	47	8
Gymea	1	—	15	77	2	

THIRD DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rovers	10	2	58	13	20	
Condell Park	9	1	2	38	16	19
All Stars	8	2	3	35	23	18
G'ville-H'ty	6	3	3	29	15	15
Dee Why	5	3	5	29	28	13
Revesby	5	—	7	32	32	10
West Ryde	3	3	7	25	32	9
E'field-Kew	1	1	10	18	58	3
Greenvale	1	1	10	20	59	3

FOURTH DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cumberland Town	10	—	3	54	22	20
Liverpool E.	9	1	3	33	20	19
Beverly Hills	7	3	6	32	20	17
Paterson Park	6	4	5	32	39	15
Newtown	6	2	5	28	22	14
Maroubra	6	1	5	28	30	13
Ku-ring-gai	5	1	8	38	35	11
Chelsea	3	4	7	21	43	10
Prospect	3	2	8	21	23	8
Central Utd.	2	3	9	20	45	7

LAST WEEK'S

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia v. Polonia	5	2	6			
APIA v. SCU	1	0	1	3		
Polonia v. Canterbury	4	2	0	3		
P. Hellenic v. St. George	1	3	0	1		
Manly v. Yugal	6	1	1	1		
Prague v. Hakoah	5	1	1	3		

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
B'town v. L. Cove	3	0	7	3	7	0
Corinthians v. Auburn	0	0	2	2		
Balgownie v. Auburn	2	0	3	3		
NS-Inter v. N. B'town	2	1	0	3		
Wests v. Marconi	1	0	5	3		
NS-Inter v. G'ville	3	3	0	9		

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION**AUBURN, BANKSTOWN IN DO-OR-DIE CLASH**

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

While Bankstown climbed to a two-point clear lead through their victory over Lane Cove, the focus of attention is now on the spectacular rise of Western Suburbs.

Wests, slowly, but surely, are closing the gap on the Aird; Thomas, Nadir, leaders, and are now only a slip away from Banks-town.

They are on equal points with Auburn, who dropped yet another valuable point against lowly Corinthians last weekend.

Bankstown v. **Lane Cove 3-0**

Bankstown, playing with four reserve graders, were never in trouble.

Lane Cove held the score down to 1-0 at half-time, but after the interval, when he converted a perfect pass from Corfield into the net.

North Bankstown equalised through Mula after a defensive mistake.

Sutherland harassed the North Bankstown goal for long periods and were justly rewarded when Griffiths found the net to give his side victory.

Sutherland v. **North Bankstown 2-1**

Despite their narrow win, Sutherland were stronger in every department and controlled play throughout the game.

Cuciti put Sutherland on the lead in the first minute when he converted a perfect pass from Corfield into the net.

North Bankstown equalised through Mula after a defensive mistake.

Wests dominated most of the play, but suffered a setback when they lost their defensive mainstay, Johnny Bijkerk, who retired with concussion.

Battling on with 10 men, Wests took the points when a pile-driver by Peter Pons found the net 10 minutes from the end.

Wests v. **Horigan; Bastion, Apostolides; Holmes, Bijkerk, Whyte; Cassidy, Randal, Woods, Pont (1), Nutley.**

Balgownie v. **Hornsby-NE 2-0**

At half-time, Balgownie only led 1-0 and Hornsby provided plenty of opposition until later in the match, when the locals got right on top, scoring a second goal from a penalty.

Hornsby-NE v. **McDonald; Gray, Hogan; Booth, J. Barber, D. Barber; Inglefield, Shields, Barman, Dickenson, Vickers.**

Corinthians v. **Auburn 0-0**

The match was scrappy and unexciting, with Auburn slightly on top in the first half, and Corinthians pressing hard after the interval.

This was a fair result as neither side deserved to win.

Auburn v. **Brommett; Smith; Haggatt; Entwistle, Thompson, Keen; Crocker, Nowacki, Moffatt, McKnight, O'Neill.**

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY,